## LACDMH BREAKS GROUND ON ARCADIA MH CENTER By Karen Zarsadiaz-Ige, LACDMH Public Information Officer



On Monday, October 20, 2014, Los Angeles County Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich, representing the Fifth District, joined the Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health (LACDMH) and the Department of Public Works at the groundbreaking ceremony for the Arcadia Mental Health Center.

"It's a pleasure to be here for this event. This is money well-spent because we are helping the community," said Supervisor Antonovich.



The groundbreaking kicks off construction on the long-awaited and brand-new Arcadia Mental Health Center, funded by the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA). It replaces the current building. Once the new facility is complete by next fall (September 2015), the old building will be destroyed and the land will be turned into a parking lot. The new center will be 12,000 square feet and much more efficient. It will serve up to 2,800 people in the surrounding area.

"We finally arrived at the day that change has come," explained LACDMH Director Marvin Southard. "We are now doing what we can to build a new facility to achieve the hope, wellness and recovery that the community deserves."

